

EXHIBIT 9

*The Permanent Mission
of the Kingdom of Morocco
to the United Nations*



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New York, le 10 Octobre 2018

Monsieur Le Directeur du Protocole,

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire parvenir, ci-joint, la note verbale adressée par le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et de la Coopération Internationale à Rabat, du changement du titre diplomatique de Monsieur Jamal Benomar au sein de cette Mission de "Conseiller Spécial" à "Ministre Plénipotentiaire".

A cet effet, je vous serais reconnaissant de bien vouloir lui faciliter les privilèges et immunités diplomatiques correspond à son rang de "Ministre Plénipotentiaire".

Je vous prie, Monsieur Le Directeur du Protocole, de croire à l'expression de ma très haute considération.

Omar HILALE
Ambassadeur, Représentant Permanent

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Le Ministère des Affaires étrangères et de la Coopération internationale du Royaume du Maroc présente ses compliments à l'Ambassade des États-Unis d'Amérique à Rabat, et a l'honneur de lui faire part de ce qui suit :

La présente note verbale confirme la nomination de M. Jamal BENOMAR au poste de *Ministre Plénipotentiaire* près la Mission Permanente du Royaume du Maroc auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies, à New York. Elle actualise les communications antérieures à ce sujet concernant sa mission depuis le 1^{er} novembre 2017.

Les fonctions diplomatiques à plein temps de M. BENOMAR comprennent le conseil au chef de la Mission concernant les questions politiques liées à l'ONU, ainsi que sur les conflits régionaux et internationaux. La durée prévue de son service est de cinq ans, en principe.

Le Ministère des Affaires étrangères et de la Coopération internationale demande respectueusement aux Autorités américaines concernées d'appliquer pleinement à M. BENOMAR, *Ministre Plénipotentiaire*, les facilités, privilèges et immunités diplomatiques correspondant à son rang, y compris l'octroi de documents appropriés d'identification diplomatique.

Le Ministère des Affaires étrangères et de la Coopération internationale saisit cette occasion pour renouveler à l'Ambassade des États-Unis d'Amérique à Rabat, les assurances de sa haute considération.

Fait à Rabat, le 5 octobre 2018.

AMBASSADE DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE
Rabat



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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Morocco presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Rabat, and has the honor to state the following:

The present note verbale confirms that Mr. Jamal BENOMAR serves as *Minister Plenipotentiary* in the Permanent Mission of Morocco to the United Nations in New York, and updates previous communications in this regard about his assignment since November 1st, 2017.

Mr. BENOMAR's full time diplomatic duties include advising the head of the Mission on political issues related to the United Nations, as well as on regional and international conflicts. The expected length of tour of duty is five years, in principle.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation respectfully requests the United States' authorities to fully apply to Mr. Jamal BENOMAR, *Minister Plenipotentiary*, the diplomatic facilities, privileges and immunities accorded to his diplomatic rank, including the issuing of appropriate diplomatic identification documents.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America, the assurances of its highest consideration *A.K.*

Done in Rabat, on october 5th, 2018.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rabat

The Permanent Mission
of the Kingdom of Morocco
to the United Nations

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New York, October 10th 2018

[handwritten:] *No. 226/18*

Mr. Chief of Protocol,

I am pleased to attach hereto the verbal note sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Rabat on the change of diplomatic title of Mr. Jamal Benomar within this Mission, from “Special Advisor” to “Minister Plenipotentiary”.

I would be therefore grateful if for this purpose you could provide him with the diplomatic privileges and immunities pertaining to his rank of “Minister Plenipotentiary”.

Please accept, Mr. Director of Protocol, the expression of my highest consideration.

[signature]

Omar HILALE

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

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Protocol Directorate

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Rabat, and has the honor of informing it of what follows:

This verbal note confirms the appointment of Mr. Jamal BENOMAR to the post of *Minister Plenipotentiary* at the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations in New York, updating the previous communications on this topic regarding its mission since 1 November 2017.

Mr. BENOMAR's full-time diplomatic duties include advising the head of the mission on political issues relating to the UN, as well as on regional and international conflicts. The expected duration of his tour of duty is five years, in principle.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation respectfully requests the relevant US authorities to fully grant to Mr. BENOMAR, *Minister Plenipotentiary*, the diplomatic facilitations, privileges and immunities corresponding to his rank, therein including the issuing of suitable diplomatic identification documents.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America in Rabat the assurances of its highest consideration. [initials]

Done in Rabat on October 5th 2018

[stamp:] The official seal of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
Kingdom of Morocco

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I, Aurora Landman, hereby certify that the document “Letter dated 2018.10.10 from O. Hilale to P. Van Laere” is to the best of my knowledge and belief, a true and accurate translation from French into English.

Aurora Landman

Sworn to before me this

October 23, 2018

Signature, Notary Public

ANDERS MIKAEL EKHOLM
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